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PATENT

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: FUNAOKA, MASAMITSU

APPLICATION No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED

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FOR: **NOVEL LIGNIN DERIVATIVES, MOLDED
PRODUCTS USING THE SAME AND
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Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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